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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.)ETRD UR

SUBJ: JOINT US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION: PRESS COVERAGE OF  
FIFTH SESSION

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF SIMON VISIT JUXTAPOSES  
SIMON'S STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF DETENTE AND TRADE WITH A  
PRAVDA FRONT-LAGE ACCOUNT OF THE BREZHNEV-SIMON MEETING  
EMPHASIZING SOVIET INSISTENCE ON NON-DISCRIMINATION AND  
NON-INTERFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS COVERAGE OF FIFTH SESSION OF JOINT COMMERCIAL  
COMMISSION INCLUDED FRONT-PAGE STORY ON SECRETARY SIMON'S  
MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AS WELL AS JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE  
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(IN APRIL 12 CENTRAL PRESS), ARTICLE ON SIMON PARTY'S

VISIT TO SOCHI TOGETHER WITH SIMON REMARKS TO SOVIET REPORTERS AT AIRPORT ON DEPARTURE FORM MOSCOW (IN APRIL 13 PAPERS), AND BRIEF NOTE OF PARTY'S STAY IN SOCHI AND ARRIVAL IN TASHKENT (APRIL 14). APART FROM STROY ON SIMON-BREZHNEV MEETING, LAYOUT AND CONTENT OF COVERAGE FOLLOWS STANDARD FORMAT, INCLUDING RRIVALAND DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS, HIGH ASSESSMENT OF VALUE OF SUCH ENCOUNTERS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. REPORTING ON SIMON-BREZHNEV MEETING DEPARTS FROM NORMAL SOVIET PRACTICE OF LAND, PREFUNCTIONARY NOTICES BY EMPHASIZING BREZHNEV'S REMARKS ON EQUALITY, NONDISCRIMINATION AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS: "IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION QUESTIONS OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET AMERICAN RELATIONS WERE TOUCHED UPON (DEVELOPMENT) TO WHICH BOTH SIDES ATTACH GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE GENERAL PEACE. CONCERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA IN THE TRADE-ECONOMIC SPHERE, L.I. BREZHNEV EMPHASIZED INTER ALIA THAT THESE CAN DEVELOP SUCCESSFULLY ON A SOLE POSSIBLE FIRM BASIS--WITH FULL EQUALITY OF THE PARTIES, THE ABSENCE BY EITHER OF ANY DISCRIMINATION AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE OTHER."

4. COMMENT: ABSENCE OF ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF SECRETARY SIMON'S COMMENTS DURING MEETINGS LEAVES NO DOUBT OF SOVIET PURPOSE IN THUS DESCRIBING CONVERSATION. NATURE OF BOTH BREZHNEV'S AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SIMON (REPORTED SEPTTEL) FURTHER INDICATE SOVIET INTEREST IN CONVEYING UNEQUIVOCALLY THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR ADHERENCE TO 1972 TRADE AGREEMENT AND THEIR PRIORITIES IN FIELD OF US-SOVIET TRADE: 1) NO US INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS; 2) MFN ON SAME BASIS AS GRANTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES; AND 3) ACCESS TO SAME CREDIT FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO OTHER FOREIGN BORROWERS. STOESEL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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